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SUBJECT: OIL AT SIX DOLLARS A BARREL?

1. HAVE NOW SEEN UPI AND OTHER STORIES STATING
"MAJOR JALLUD SAID THAT HE WANTED A \$6 A BARREL FOR
ITS OIL" DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 2 PRESS CONFERENCE HERE.
2. THIS IS NOT TRUE. BOTH AMERICAN REPORTERS AT THE
CONFERENCE (DE BORCHGRAVE OF NEWSWEEK AND BARTH HEALEY
OF AP/DOW JONES ROME) DENY THAT THEY HEARD ANY SUCH
THING IN THE ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS RENDERED AT THE
TIME. MOREOVER, HEALEY HAS CHECKED WITH TWO ARABIC-
SPEAKING REPORTERS AT THE CONFERENCE (AFP AND A
LEBANESE PAPER) AND THEY CONFIRM THAT THE STATEMENT WAS
NOT MADE IN ARABIC EITHER.
3. WHAT HAPPENED, ACCORDING TO HEALEY, WAS THAT JALLUD
SPOKE ABOUT LIBYA DOUBLING ITS REVENUE PER BARREL
SINCE THE REVOLUTION (WHICH IS TRUE) AND ABOUT THE
BUY BACK PRICE FOR OXY AND OASIS (\$4.90) BEING ABOUT
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TWICE A PREVIOUS PRICE. IN ALL THE CONFUSION ABOUT

VARIOUS PRICES BEING MENTIONED, ARNA, THE OFFICIAL
LIBYAN SERVICE, DID SOME ARITHMETIC AND INCORRECTBY
REPORTED JALLUD WAS DEMANDING \$6 PER BARRELL NOW
FOR NATIONALIZED OIL. OTHER SERVICES OF COURSE
PICKED THIS UP.
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